

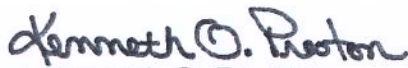


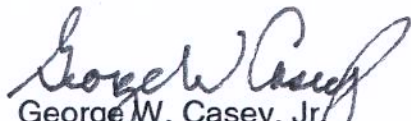
Patriot Day: A Day to Remember, A Day to Reflect—September 11, 2009

On a beautiful September morning eight years ago, tragedy struck our Nation. At 9:37 a.m. the sky filled with fire and smoke as American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon and forever changed our lives, taking from us 125 coworkers and friends and an additional 59 victims on the plane.

On September 11, 2009, we ask that all members of the Army Family pause to remember our fallen comrades, the survivors, and the Families who were so profoundly affected by the events of that day.

Join us today as we remember our friends and colleagues and honor those men and women who continue to defend our freedoms. While we must remain vigilant and ever mindful of the threats to this Nation—and our duty to counter those threats—we also must take time to remember those we have lost.


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